**Widening of NHs in Uttar Pradesh**

†1054. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for widening of the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [AJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A length of 1569 kms. of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh is being widened to 4 lanes under National Highway Development Project (NHDP). In addition, 57 km. length on other National Highways has also been taken up for four-laning, out of which 51 km. has been completed.

**Driving training institutes**

1055. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to open more training institutes like IDTR all over the country to give training of international standard in driving;

(b) if so, the budget to be allocated for the same;

(c) by when more institutes would be established throughout the country; and

(d) whether Government intend to make it mandatory for the people applying for fresh driving licence to be registered and trained in training institutes like IDTR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

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